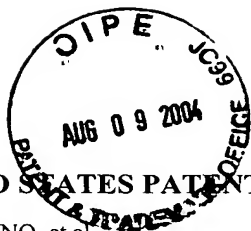


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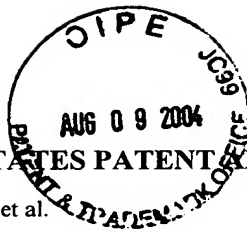
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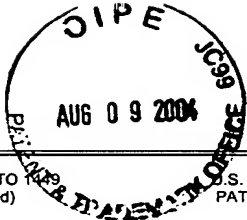
This reference shows a wrist mechanism of master slave manipulator for laparoscopic surgery. But this is not a master slave combined manipulator. (Fig. 1 and Fig. 5).

**Reference AO (JP 2000-350735) on Form PTO-1449:**

This reference shows our concept design of a master slave combined manipulator for laparoscopic surgery. (Fig. 1).

**Reference AP (JP-2519749) on Form PTO-1449:**

This reference shows a steel tape driven mechanism of manipulator for industrial robot. (Fig. 1).



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